

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Swartz. Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Swartz in view of Zhang.

Swartz implements security *after* self-service operation, not during self-service operation. Security is implemented at POS terminal 6. The customer proceeds to POS terminal 6, which is manned by a cashier.

Swartz fails to disclose security levels associated with risk levels and configuring a self-service checkout system based upon a security level. The hand-held scanner is the only piece of self-service equipment, and Swartz fails to teach configuring it based upon a security level.

Applicant has considered the prior art made of record but not relied upon.

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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